

B1 a gaming table comprising a surface portion, a portion extending substantially perpendicular from said table surface and around the circumference thereof, and a second fastening member secured around the circumference of said perpendicularly extending table portion, said gaming table cloth being positioned on the surface^{portion} of said table whereby said first fastening member is releasably secured to said second fastening member.

9. (amended) The system of claim 8 wherein said first fastening member comprises a hook fastening strip.

10. (amended) The system of claim 9 wherein said second fastening member comprises a complimentary loop fastening strip.

Please cancel claims 1, 4-7 and 11-13.

Please add new dependent claim 14 as follows:

B2 14. The gaming table system of claim 8 wherein said border portion comprises a plurality of flap portions extending around the circumference of said cloth, said first fastening member comprising a plurality of fasteners secured to the bottom surface of corresponding flap portions.

REMARKS

Responsive to the office action dated November 8, 2002, reconsideration and allowance of remaining claims 8-10 and newly added dependent claim 14 is respectfully requested.